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Re: draft of the Southern Forest Resource Assessment (SFRA)

It is essential that you recognize the threat to our Southern forests posed by overlogging by timber companies. Besides the trees we are losing to sprawling development and urban expansion, we seem to be replacing the rich, varied native forests with pine plantations. These plantations are a biological "desert" in comparison to native woods, which I know well from years of birding with Audubon and with the Carolina Bird Club. The species diversity in pine plantations is pitiful, and there's no telling what the long-term prospects are for this type of culture, given the destruction of birdlife, animals, fungi, and so on that come with it. It is not proven to be "sustainable."

The USFS must act to preserve, not simply exploit, our remaining forests. It must take this on as one of its missions.

Thanks for considering my letter, even if it is by email!

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